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## H. R. 341

To prohibit direct Federal financial benefits and unemployment benefits for illegal aliens.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**JANUARY 4, 1995** 

Mr. Packard introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

## A BILL

To prohibit direct Federal financial benefits and unemployment benefits for illegal aliens.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. PROHIBITION OF DIRECT FEDERAL FINANCIAL
- 4 BENEFITS TO ILLEGAL ALIENS.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of the en-
- 6 actment of this Act, notwithstanding any other provision
- 7 of law, no direct Federal financial benefit or social insur-
- 8 ance benefit may be paid or otherwise given to any person

- 1 not lawfully present in the United States, except pursuant
- 2 to a provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- 3 (b) UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.—No alien who has
- 4 not been granted employment authorization pursuant to
- 5 Federal law shall be eligible for unemployment benefits.
- 6 (c) Construction.—This section shall not apply to
- 7 the provision of foreign aid to aliens abroad.
- 8 (d) Definition.—For purposes of this section, the
- 9 term "person not lawfully within the United States"
- 10 means any person who at the time the person applies for,
- 11 receives, or attempts to receive a Federal financial benefit
- 12 or social insurance benefit is not a United States citizen,
- 13 a permanent resident alien, an asylee, a refugee, a parolee,
- 14 or a non-immigrant in status.
- 15 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—After the date of the enact-
- 16 ment of this Act, any Federal entity or official involved
- 17 in making available any Federal financial benefit, social
- 18 insurance benefit, or unemployment benefit affected by
- 19 this section shall take reasonable steps to determine
- 20 whether any person seeking to obtain such a benefit is
- 21 lawfully present in the United States.